

Name of Activity: Challenges of the New Normal: COVID-19 and the Experiences of Women

Category: Extension Lecture

Organising Unit: Sociology Department

Date: 24.06.2020

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Venue: Webinar on GSuite

Resource Person: Dr. Basabi Chakraborty, Founder Head and Senior Faculty, Department of Sociology, RBU, Former visiting faculty of Women's Studies Centre, CU and RBU

No of students: 15

No of teachers: 4

Brief Description of the Event: The speaker talked about how the pandemic was proving to be a difficult time for women staying behind closed walls increasing the risk of domestic violence and the inability to seek help. Some key points she addressed about this issue were about the surge in domestic violence cases during lockdowns and quarantine measures. Isolation, financial stress, and uncertainty contributed to heightened tensions within households. Job losses and financial strain during the pandemic added to the stress within households, which could trigger or worsen incidents of domestic violence. Other issues such as access to proper services and few opportunities for the victim to report the incident.


Outcome: The students gained awareness about the issue of domestic violence and how it might be negatively affecting women more than men because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a very thought-provoking and interactive session. Students also asked their queries. The speaker also mentioned a short film related to this issue.

Flyer:

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
RAMKRISHNA SARADA MISSION VIVEKANANDA VIDYABHAVAN
STUDENT'S WEBINAR 1

CHALLENGES OF THE 'NEW NORMAL'
COVID 19 AND THE EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN

BY



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DATE: 24TH JUNE, 2020
TIME: 4.30 PM TO 5.30 PM

Name of Activity: Challenges of the New Normal: COVID-19 and Disability in India

Category: Extension lecture Webinar

Organizing unit: Sociology Department

Date: 25.06.2020

Time: 12.00 pm-1.00 pm

Resource Person: Dr. Kumkum Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, NSOU

Venue: Webinar on G Suite

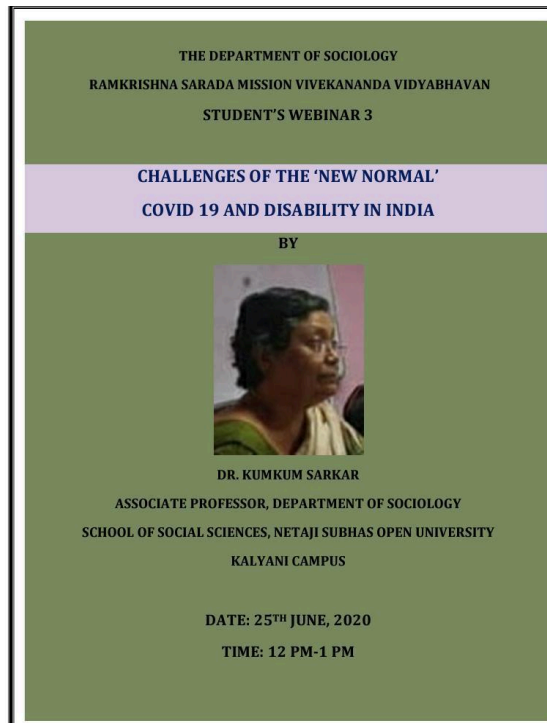
No of students: 15

No of teachers: 4

Brief description of the Event: The speaker talked about the intersection of COVID-19 and disability in India and how it was difficult for them to survive in such a situation. She brought into light the various issues that the PWD people suffered such as mental health, economic loss, access to healthcare, vaccine accessibility, and the hindrance to getting many such institutional support services that they might need. She also mentioned the ways the Government helped them and what kind of legislation has to be done in order to support these sections of the people better.

Outcome: We were very enriched by this lecture, and this opened a new perspective on the realities and struggles of the people with disability. This was really relevant since the discourse on disability is rather limited and our students learnt a lot about the concept. The talk helped us learn about the struggles of this social group especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also helped us understand the institutional, societal and everyday measures that need to be imbibed to mainstream people with disabilities and ensure that as citizens they can live their lives with dignity. In all it was an insightful and thought-provoking talk.

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Name: Challenges of the New Normal: A Discussion on Space, Gender and the 'Other'

Category: Extension lecture

Organizing unit: Sociology Department

Date: 26.06.2020

Time: 11 am-12 pm

Venue: Webinar via G Suite

Resource Person: Dr Kamalini Mukherjee, Faculty, Department of Sociology, Bhawanipore Education Society College, Kolkata

No of students: 15

No of teachers: 4

Brief description of the Event: The Department of Sociology organized a webinar series on the Challenges of COVID-19 and the New Normal that was being faced by society. In this webinar

series, a discussion on Space, Gender and the 'Other' was done. She first made the students understand the concept of space in Sociology both physical and social and how individuals interact and operate within that space. She mentioned the ways in which physical, social, and virtual spaces influence the overall structure of society and how this space functions to create exclusions in society. She also focused on the ways in which these aspects of social space were working to exclude Queer people during the covid pandemic in the broader context of otherisation that takes place in public spaces, home and family, work space among others.

Outcome :The students became aware of the concept of space in sociology and how space interacts with other aspects of society such as gender. It taught the students to see the new normal in a different light of gender and space, how the two interacted with each other and how it affected the different social groups in society. The students especially learned about the experiences of gender-queer people, a topic relevant not only as part of the syllabus but also because of the expanding horizon of gender fluid identities and interactions that one has to traverse as part of everyday life in urban spaces in India.

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**THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
RAMKRISHNA SARADA MISSION VIVEKANANDA VIDYABHAVAN
STUDENT'S WEBINAR 2**

**CHALLENGES OF THE 'NEW NORMAL'
A DISCUSSION ON SPACE, GENDER AND THE 'OTHER'**

BY



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DATE: 26TH JUNE, 2020

TIME: 11 AM TO 12 PM